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Lewisville Lake flooding information

THE COLONY, Texas — Heavy rains in North Central Texas this past month have broken rainfall records, resulting in Lewisville Lake exceeding conservation pool levels. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the lake is at 534 feet, or 12 feet above normal, as of May 28, 2015.

Stormy weather remains in the forecast for the next several days. We will likely see lake levels remain elevated throughout July and into August because of runoff from the northern parts of the state.

The City of The Colony continues to monitor the lake levels carefully alongside the Corps and Denton County Emergency Services. The city's emergency services have plans and resources in place to respond to flooding of the city's infrastructure and residential areas. If it becomes necessary, a limited amount of sandbags donated by Denton County will be made available to residents and businesses that are deemed to be in harm's way. Residents may also purchase sandbags at local home improvement stores.



As water encroaches on the shorelines, nearby residents are asked to please help minimize the potential for floating debris in the lake by removing backyard items, as weight does not always keep things in place during a flood. Please continue to check the city's [website](#) and social media pages (links below) for updates.

Most importantly, stay weather aware by checking local media for weather updates. Please do not drive through flooded roads: “Turn Around, Don’t Drown.”

FAQ

- **How do I know if I need to evacuate?** City officials will notify those areas that need to be evacuated with an advance notice and warning.
- **What is flash flooding:** Usually, [flash floods](#) occur within a few minutes or hours following an excessive rainfall event. They can also be caused by a man-made event, such as a dam or levee

failure. Flash floods cause most of the fatalities associated with flooding events. Usually, less warning lead time is provided for flash flooding which requires quick action on the part of the public.

- **What are “fluctuating lake levels” (aka [lake flooding](#)):** Periods of frequent and heavy rainfall into a lake increasing the volume of water rapidly. In addition, run off from rivers and streams can contribute to the rapid rise of the lake. The water cannot be released fast enough, so the water begins to spread out on to the surrounding land.

- **Where do I get information about the flooding?** Please refer to the links below to keep informed about the lake levels and other important information.

Helpful links

National Weather Service Fort Worth: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/>

Emergency Preparedness: <http://www.ready.gov/>

US Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/>

City of The Colony official webpage: <http://thecolonytx.gov/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thecolonytexas>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TheColonyTexas>

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